

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Leasing Planes to Air India
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Global aircraft lessors have evinced interest in leasing planes to Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the proposals received by Air India in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the proposals on operational basis after paying the necessary lease rent; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b) : The Board of Air India has approved dry leasing of 19 A320 aircraft to replace the old/lease A320 & A319 aircraft. In response to the tender exercise for dry leasing 19 A320 aircraft undertaken in October 2013, Air India has signed a lease agreement in June 2014 for dry lease of 5 A320 aircraft for a period of 12 years. 2 of the 5 A320s aircraft have already been inducted.

(c) & (d) : The leasing of aircraft is a commercial decision of airlines, which is taken by the management of Air India.